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Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for playing a casino game of chance for a bet with random entry from a base game to a bonus game of the casino game of chance, the method ~~comprising the steps of play:~~ comprising:

depicting to the player, before play of the base game, information about a plurality of aspects for playing the bonus game;

allowing the player to pre-select one of the plurality of aspects for playing the bonus game before play of the base ~~game,~~ game; and

basing the play of the bonus game upon the pre-selected aspect of the bonus game so that the playing of the bonus game is customized by the player in accord with the pre-selected aspect.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The method of playing the casino game of chance of claim 1 ~~with the step of wherein said~~ playing the bonus game ~~including~~ comprises presenting questions and permitting choices of answers about trivia to the player.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The method of playing the casino game of chance of claim 1 ~~with the step of wherein said~~ allowing pre-selection of one of a plurality of aspects ~~including the step of~~ comprises choosing one of a plurality of categories for questions.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The method of playing the casino game of chance of claim 2 ~~with the step of wherein said~~ allowing pre-selection of one of a plurality of aspects comprises ~~including the step of~~ choosing one of a plurality of categories including the difficulty of the questions.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The method of playing the casino game of chance of claim 1 ~~with the step of wherein said~~ allowing pre-selection ~~including~~ comprises choosing the aspect based on the player adeptness for answering trivia questions from a group of different categories.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The method of playing the casino game of chance of claim 1 ~~with the step of allowing pre-selection also~~ further comprising changing at least the triggering symbols required during play of the base game on a slot machine for entry into the bonus game ~~game in accordance with said player pre-selection.~~

Claim 7 (currently amended): The method of playing the casino game of chance of claim 6 ~~with the step of allowing pre-selection also~~ further comprising changing the symbols to be thematic with the pre-selected aspect of the bonus game.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The method of playing the casino game of chance of claim 1 ~~with the step of~~ further comprising allowing pre-selection of sets for choosing by the player on the video touch screen of the casino game of chance.

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Claim 9 (currently amended): The method of playing the casino game of chance of claim 8 ~~with the step of~~ wherein said allowing pre-selection comprises having wedges of a circle for the plurality of ~~aspect~~ aspects for choosing by the player.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The method of playing the casino game of chance of claim 1 ~~with the step of~~ wherein said allowing pre-selection comprises having a menu list wherein the plurality of aspects appear for choosing by the player.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A method for playing a casino game of chance for a bet with random entry from a base game to a bonus game of the casino game of chance, the method ~~comprising the steps of play:~~ comprising:

depicting to the player information about a plurality of aspects for playing the bonus game;

allowing the player to pre-select one of the plurality of aspects for playing the bonus game game; and

basing the play of the bonus game upon the pre-selected aspect of the bonus game so that the playing of the bonus game is customized by the player in accord with the pre-selected aspect.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The method of claim 11 wherein said ~~the steps of~~ depicting and allowing occur during play of the base game.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The method of claim 11 wherein said ~~the steps of~~ depicting and allowing occur upon entry to the play of the bonus game.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The method of claim 11 ~~with the step of depicting~~ including wherein said depicting comprises showing what the player has pre-selected.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The method of claim 14 ~~with the step of showing~~ includes wherein said showing comprises making ~~the showing so that~~ the pre-selection is apparent to the players.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The method of claim 15 wherein ~~the step of making the showing is on the casino game of chance such as a slot machine wherein changing the information includes different colors on its top box.~~ said making comprises changing colors on a display surface of a slot machine.